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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR P.L. EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK

REF: STATE 105069, MAY 21, 1974

PLEASE PASS TO E.T. MOORE -266

1. EXTRANCHECK 113284 (1) SEH WOONG INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., SEOUL, A REGISTERED FOREIGN TRADER (STATUS REQUIRED IN KOREA FOR A FIRM TO ENGAGE IN FOREIGN TRADE) IS INVOLVED IN THIS TRANSACTION AS IMPORT AGENCY ON A COMMISSION BASIS ON BEHALF OF HANKUK MUNHWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (MBC)(WTDR: 08-68). MBC IS ONE OF TWO LARGEST PRIVATE COMMERCIAL RADIO/TV BROADCASTING SYSTEMS IN KOREA AFTER THE STATE OWNED, CENTRAL KOREA BROADCASTING SYSTEM (KBS).

2. SOURCE AT THE MBC TOLD US THAT MBC IS CAPITALIZED AT ONE BILLION WON; HAS 6 TV AND 21 RADIO STATIONS THROUGHOUT KOREA INCLUDING ONE MAIN RADIO AND TV STATION IN SEOUL. FIRM IS CONTROLLED BY THE MAY 16TH SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (30PCT) AND THE REST BY TEN (10) MAJOR KOREAN MANUFACTURING FIRMS. THE MAY 16TH SCHOLARSHIP IS FOUNDED IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MILITARY COUP DE TAT IN 1961.

3. MBC HAS PLACED AN ORDER WITH AMPEX INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, INC. TO IMPORT UNDER IMPORT LICENSE FOR EXCLUSIVE USE BY MBC, 68 ITEMS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES,  
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VALUED AT C&F \$15,690.57. THESE ITEMS WHICH INCLUDE TAKE-

UP REEL ASSEMBLY (\$924), TWO AUDIO HEAD ASSEMBLIES (\$2,376), AND TWO DISC ASSEMBLIES (\$3,600) WILL BE USED ALONG WITH MBC'S AUDIO/VTR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED IN 1968 UNDER \$600,000 AMPEX COMMERCIAL CREDIT. (SEE SEOUL 4199, 13 FEB 68) ABOVE SOURCE AT THE MBC TOLD US THAT IMPORT OF PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INCLUDING NEWLY DEVELOPED ITEMS FROM AMPEX WILL BE ANNUALLY REPEATED FOR YEARS. SAME SOURCE ALSO TOLD US THAT MBC IS IN FACT NOW RECEIVING FROM AMPEX A 1973 ORDER OF VARIOUS VIDEO-TAPE RECORDER PARTS VALUED AT \$16,875.

4. MBC HAS ALREADY SENT A L/C (#CJ404NS0027 DATED APRIL 19, 1974) FOR SUBJECT TRANSACTION AND EXPECT RECEIVE SHIPMENTS IN JUNE 1974. IMPORT PERMIT IS DUE TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 17, 1974.

5. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS TRANSACTION.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF WTDR IS STILL DESIRED FOR SEH WOONG INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. OR MBC.  
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